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## To keep the lake, Penn Lake residents need to o.k. borrowing

by Seth Isenberg

Penn Lake borough council's July meeting, on the 9th via Zoom, was an early chance to see what kind of costs are ahead when it comes to upgrading the dam to save the lake. Council president Paul Rogan led a discussion on what looks to be coming. In meeting with engineers and officials from Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection's Dam Safety division, the most likely option to satisfy the state would be to enlarge the spillway and modify downstream to handle possible maximum flows.

Rogan said this option would cost about 2 million dollars, plus permits, engi-

neering and other costs that would add perhaps \$700,000 more. Other options range from a full dam replacement, at a cost of over \$8 million, to a full removal and the draining of the lake.

The advisory group formed by Penn Lake Council to work through the issues has now started a plan to educate Penn Lakers about the dam upgrade, and the costs. Borrowing this much money will require a ballot question that will need a majority of voters to approve it.

The advisory group is reaching out to find grants and low interest loans to keep the costs of the project down. Among the numbers being crunched are whether it's better to

borrow for 20 years at a fixed rate, or for 40. The longer term loan will reduce the rise in millage, estimated to be as high as 4 mills, so taxes will be lower. The longer term also means more interest to be paid in total.

The payments on the borrowing for the loan taken out to build the sewer system through the borough as nearing the end of that 20-year loan. At 40 years, the loan for the dam improvement will be borne by two generations, but it should mean that the lake is good to keep for decades more.

More about the regular business part of meeting in the next *Journal-Herald*.



## Fireworks and renters cause of complaints at long Kidder Supervisors meeting

by Seth Isenberg

Kidder Supervisors heard complaints about fireworks and renters' behaviors at their July 16 meeting. The crowd wanting to speak spilled out

into the parking lot due to Covid-19 social separation rules that limited capacity in the meeting room. Many residents offered stories of bad behaviors from renters in their neighborhoods. Several offered constructive ideas about how to limit the problems.

To everyone, supervisors explained that the township is working to hire a code enforcement officer who, once trained, would go out and enforce the rules, especially those about fireworks, noise and trash.

Resident Tom Davis was among the first to speak. At last year's July meeting he brought samples of fireworks cakes at homes near to his

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## Lehigh Township ZHB denies Jones appeal

by Ruth Isenberg

The Lehigh Township Zoning Hearing Board unanimously voted to deny an appeal to an enforcement notice regarding property at 309 South Lehigh Gorge Drive at a hearing on Wednesday, July 15 at the township building.

Jessica Jones represented herself as the owner of the

property, previously owned by her deceased father, Robert Jones.

The hearing opened with testimony from zoning officer Robert Selert, who issued the enforcement notice that stated the property was being used without a permit, for uses which are not permitted under the township zoning ordi-

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# From the Archives

**From  
The Weatherly Herald  
took this week off in 1970  
Here is news from  
Thursday, August 11, 1977  
Cletus Milan, Publisher**

Saint Nicholas Church's annual block party is Sunday, August 14, on the parish school grounds on West Main Street at Dunnigan Lane. The event, a cooperative effort of the church's Holy Name Society and the St. Nicholas Women's Society, features home cooked foods and specialty treats. There will be a 'moon-walk' and pony rides, games of all kinds and musical entertainment. Hours are from 2 to 11 p.m.

Weatherly's water situation is 'critical.' The cooperation of every man, woman and child, every business, and every industry is being urged in an all-out effort to cope with one of the worst water situations in the community's history. An ordinance is being prepared to make it unlawful to wash cars, fill or refill swimming pools, wash homes or sidewalks, or even water lawns — except for garden areas with vegetables or food plants.

The borough-owned reservoirs are no longer in use, awaiting cleaning. The two new wells are being used to supply the community with water. The wells can supply 500 gallons per minute, which is pumped into two holding tanks with 750,000 gallons of capacity. Since the plea for conservation went out several days ago, water use has actually increased to 300,000 gallons per day — up 50,000 from normal. Crews are out looking for, and repairing leaks.

In other business, the borough opened bids for a new

police cruiser. They came in with two at \$5,415 — Central Garage's for a 1978 Volare, and Kovich Chevrolet in Tamaqua for a 1978 Nova, both at \$5,415; Weatherly Garage offered a Nova at \$5,716, and K-Chevrolet of Lehighton offered a Nova for \$6,029, less a trade-in of \$787.65. It's noted all bids came in over the state reimbursement.

Council sent a report of the 'deplorable condition' of the railroad crossing at the intra-borough bridge to the Lehigh Valley Railroad, who assured the borough the situation will be fixed, shortly.

Nine people from Weatherly and the rural routes were named to the County jury list for this coming October.

A front page photo shows Rhonda and Donna Tarapchak at their horses after winning ribbons at the recent Carbon County 4-H Horse Show.

This Tuesday is the annual corn supper of the United Methodist Women of Centenary UMC.

The Laurytown 4-H is planning a trip to Great Adventure on August 29.

Michael Hallahan, chairman of this year's L&L Homecoming, placed an ad thanking everyone who made this year's Homecoming a success.

Jeffries Furniture Store advertised the winners of this week's Club (winning \$10) — Mrs. James Richie. Their ad lists: Bedding, Floor Covering, Television, Appliances and Custom Upholstered Furniture.

On the back page was a bridal special ad series:

Advertisers were Smith Floral of Hazleton, Village Furniture Mart, Victoria's Bridal Shop (North Wyoming Street, Hazleton), and Caster's Floral & Gift Shop.

A pump at the well house a Weatherwood failed on Sunday, bringing water pressure to less than half its normal. Weatherly officials were called by staff, and they determined a new pump motor was needed. The motor was installed that afternoon, and water pressure was restored to normal by 7 p.m. — after 12 hours.

Thanks were given to Wayne Younker and Arnold Selert of the borough crew, and borough manager Leonard Strachko.

During the crisis, Weatherwood guests were served on paper plates, and used plastic utensils.

Another motor was ordered, and will arrive in the next several days as an auxiliary unit.

**From The Journal-Herald  
July 26, 1990  
Clara and Jay Holder,  
Publishers**

Front page photo for this issue was of the bridge dedication for the new White Haven /East Side span, that was held early on July 7. Among a list of local dignitaries from White Haven and East Side governments also were State Representative Keith McCall, Luzerne County District Attorney Corrae Stevens, Luzerne County Judge Joseph Augello and Carbon County Commissioner Luther Getz. Father Connell McHugh gave the invocation, and Pastor Doug Beltzner offered the benediction.

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## Editorial

### An explosive issue

by Seth and Ruth Isenberg

At a time when fireworks displays put on by communities were cancelled, due to concerns over COVID-19, citizens stepped up and put on their own displays. To the point where these displays kept within the holiday norm (dark to about 10 p.m.), it was kind of nice on the Fourth of July.

Then it went on hours longer, and became not so nice. In some of our communities, we're getting displays days and weeks after, and in some of our communities, folks have decided, likely after some adult beverages that it is okay to launch them well after midnight.

But it's not okay. Some of our municipalities don't allow these displays at all. Nearly all have noise and nuisance ordinances that define something that might be fun at 10 at night as a nuisance around midnight.

These ordinances are needed, because some people lack common sense, and common courtesy. But rules in private communities, and ordinances in local municipalities, are meaningless unless there is a means of enforcement, and serious consequences for violations. Fines of \$100 don't mean that much to people who have just dropped \$1,000 plus for their display.

The Pennsylvania legislature approved sale of fireworks in state, and used the permits and taxes involved to generate revenue. Now they need to evaluate what the changes to the law made in 2019 have meant to local communities, and tweak it to protect the safety and peace of mind of the citizens. Local communities should have the final say on fines and enforcement.



**More Public Notice advertising  
appears on pages 6 and 10  
of this issue.**

# Death Roll

## GREGORY HUDOCK

Gregory Hudock, 59, of White Haven, died at home, Saturday, July 18, 2020.



Born in Kingston, he was the son of the late Joseph and Gloria McCloskey Hudock III and was a graduate of Weatherly Area High School and Carbon County Vocational Technical School, Class of 1979. Prior to retiring, he was employed as a chef and was a member of St. Patrick's Church, White Haven. Greg enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an avid NASCAR and Indy Racing fan.

He had a passion for music and would play the drums in his spare time.

He is survived by his daughters, Kelsey Marie and Riley Lorraine Hudock; siblings, Doreen (Matthew) Cannon of White Haven; Lisa Brynok of White Haven; Blane (Cynthia) Hudock of Berwick; nieces and nephews.

Private family graveside funeral service will be held in Saint Patrick's Cemetery, White Haven.

Arrangements are by Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc., White Haven.

Visit [www.LehmanFuneralHome.com](http://www.LehmanFuneralHome.com) for additional information.

## ELEANOR JEAN YEAGER

Eleanor Jean Yeager, of Mountain Top, passed away peacefully into the hands of the Lord surrounded by her loving family, Friday, July 17, 2020 after a short battle with cancer.



Born April 8, 1941, in Nanticoke, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Anna Troyan. She was raised in the Polander Hill Section of Alden and was a graduate of Newport High School, Class of 1960. After graduation she worked in the textile industry.

She met the love of her life, Ernest A. Yeager, survived, in high school and celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on February 9, 2020. As a military wife she traveled the world alongside her loving

husband and children. After her husband's 26 years of military service, she and her family returned to the area. Settling in Mountain Top, she became known as "El" and the "Kool-Aid Mom." Her door was always open, the meals were always hot, and her infectious smile lit up every room.

Eleanor was a member of the Irem Shrine Directors Staff Ladies and spent many hours working cotton candy production for the Shrine Circus. She was an avid bowler with VJ's Mixed Bowling League for many years. She also enjoyed a good crossword puzzle, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, and her Wednesday date night with Ernie at Cracker Barrel.

Known as "Crazy Gram" to her grandchildren, she enjoyed spending time with them, traveling to Disney with them, and watching their sporting events. She loved her Sunday dinners with her family and always set out an extra plate just in case someone was to stop by. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, "Crazy Gram," and friend.

She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Ernest, Mountain Top; children, Scott, Papillion, Nebraska; David, Mountain Top; Mike and his wife Justine, Mountain Top; and her cherished grandchildren Taylor and Michael.

To honor her wishes there will be no calling hours or funeral service. Eleanor will eventually be laid to rest with her husband in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Eleanor's name to the Irem Shrine, Dallas, PA.

Arrangements by Desiderio-Lehman Funeral and Cremation, Mountain Top.

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nance, including storage of truck tractors, tractor trailers, vans, licensed or unlicensed; the accumulation of junk; the storage of excavation material/debris; the excavation of natural resources; and a commercial recreation facility, notably a campground. He also provided information about the previous tenant on the property, Supreme Industries, who were issued a permit for a temporary work location.

Jones agreed that vehicles were kept on the property, but said they were for personal use, not a commercial operation. She also said the property was not being used as a campground, and that campers were play areas for her children. Regarding the natural resources, she said her father had used the equipment he had bought to create topsoil, but that it had not been sold or taken off the property.

She also said that a lot had changed since her father's death, and that she and her mother were in the process of cleaning up the property.

The only other person to testify was Floyd Hoffman, former owner of the property, who said he had all the necessary permits from the Bureau of Mines. Hoffman still owns the upper part of the property.

After a recess, the board denied the appeal, noting that whether for commercial or personal use, no permits had been issued for the uses on the property. Jones was advised to meet with Selert to determine what needed to be done to bring the property into compliance. Board chair David MacDonald said that after the property was restored, she could then apply for permits and the necessary variances.

## Scam Watch:VA imposter scam

The Veterans Administration (VA) recently reported a scam in which the con artist poses as a VA official who works with veteran-owned small businesses. This imposter asks targets to donate computer equipment to support veteran businesses that were affected by the economic downturn. Know that the VA will never call asking you to donate equipment or oth-

erwise support this type or work.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 and speak to trained staff or volunteers for help with a fraud encounter.

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# Kidder...

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last. He returned to make the same complaints. He said that the fireworks have been set off “every single night... sometimes well into the early morning... in one case at 4:30 a.m.” He pointed out that the township’s fines for shooting fireworks, now \$100, are “not much” for someone renting a home for perhaps thousands of dollars for a weekend.

Davis and other rental property owners said that they see to it that their renters understand the township rules, and follow them. Other owners, obviously, do not.

Joe Arking, also an owner of rentals, declared to supervisors that “you have a lack of control.”

Resident Winnie Kee complained about living next to a “mini-hotel.” She’s concerned about properties like these and their heavy use of services, including trash and sewers.

This comment prompted a discussion, led by supervisor and business owner Louis Pantages, about whether metering sewer use would be a fairer way to pay for sewers.

With all the issues and suggestions from citizens about short term rentals, supervisor Bruce Berger asked for workshop meeting of the supervisors and both the planning and zoning commissions, along with interested citizens. Supervisors agreed unanimously.

Supervisors were also unanimous in agreeing to chief of police Matt Kuzma’s offer to add an officer using overtime hours to work Fridays and Saturdays to work the quality of life issues, at least until the new code enforcement officer is hired and up to speed.

It’s likely citizens will return at the August meeting to continue to push for progress on more rules for short term rentals.

Bills totaling \$134,386 were approved. Of this, \$39,999 is disbursed to the two fire com-

panies and the Rescue Squad; \$26,920 is for garbage hauling to County Waste; \$39,650 is for taxes and insurance (including \$18,094 to Highmark Blue Shield); and \$26,778 in mixed bills, the largest for engineering services by ARRO and \$1,311 to *The Times News*.

Karen Ruschatz has agreed to fill the Vacancy Chairperson position. Noelle Torres will fill the vacancy on the planning commission, and George Spencer agreed to become an alternate, filling that vacancy and making that commission 100% again.

In other business, Wayco, Inc., of Waymart, was low bidder of eight for the Kirk Street project, at a cost of \$39,813. Barletta Materials and Construction, of Hazleton, was low bidder of three for the paving of Kresge Lane plus a short stretch of Moseywood Road, at a total of \$296,688. Wayco also was the lowest price for emergency repairs work on Henning Lane—to remove a tree and install catch

basins and a pipe, at a cost of \$14,794.

Ads will be placed seeking contract proposals for trash collection, and for winter roads maintenance.

The Corridon lot improvement subdivision was approved, pending Carbon County Planning’s o.k. A tear-down and rebuild for King was approved with a waiver, as there’s a 4% encroachment (351 square feet) onto the 50’ shoreline buffer. The old structure also encroached.

June’s calls for the police department totaled an amazing 200—with 25 of those as disturbing the peace, 13 fireworks complaints, 11 trespassing and 11 medical emergencies. There was a burglary and 12 burglary investigations, a firearms incident, two drug incidents, three motor vehicle accidents, three domestics, three other fights or disturbances, two dog bites and a use of force incident among the reports.

The Fire Companies also had a busy month in June.

Albrightsville shows 38 calls, 18 as mutual aid, 12 as medical assists and 15 smoke detector activations—8 to the Mountain Laurel Resort; Lake Harmony had 28 calls—seven each to the Mountain Laurel and to Towne Center (smoke detectors and/or unintentional), The detour from Old Stage Road into Albrightsville, via Henning Road, was approved until bridge replacement project is complete. Of the responses, there was a vehicle accident, a rubbish fire, a medical helicopter landing, a vehicle fire, a dwelling fire, and a toxic waste incident.

As the meeting wrapped up, police committee chairman Bing LaFond closed his report with this: “Our police do exactly what they are asked to do. Keep doing the good job you are doing.”

The next Kidder Township supervisors regular meeting will be August 20 at the municipal building, starting at 6:30 p.m. Come early if you want a seat.

# Veterans Corner

Commentary by John Kearns, USCG Ret., [chiefk@pa.metrocast.net](mailto:chiefk@pa.metrocast.net)

“Setting off illegal fireworks is a “nonviolent act,” Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams said last month, urging residents to “go talk to the young people or the people on your block who are using fireworks” instead of calling 911 or 311.” (Source: Fox News July 20th report)

In response to fireworks being set off in front of her home, a 33 year-old woman left her apartment to ask a group to stop shooting them off out of concern for her children. A man answered her with a gun, shooting her 8 times, killing her and wounding her companion.

Chicago reported 49 shootings leaving seven dead. On

July fourth, 87 were shot and 17 died.

In Seattle, when they thought the worst was over, a small group started a “peaceful protest” in a park, but soon a large organized group showed up all wielding baseball bats and started breaking storefront windows, starting fires, looting homes, and businesses while the police watched. The police were ordered not to interfere as hard-working people watched their life’s work destroyed.

In Atlanta, officers were injured during protests. One officer, a black American named Max Brewer, was run over by an ATV. The injured

officer lay helpless as the ATV circled back to run him over again. He remains in critical condition. I must wonder why he chose not to use his firearm, and why other officers who watched did not also. The first rundown may have been questionable as an accident, but when the ATV driver turned around to run him over as Brewer laid injured and bleeding on the ground, police did not act. They were handcuffed by the city’s political leaders.

I find it odd that I need to search for these reports. Why is it that most major media sources cover them up, or do not report them at all?

This is just a snapshot of our

future if the radical anti-police squads win the next election. If that happens, it will find its way to what we falsely believe is our safe place.

Without our police, citizens will arm and respond in self-defense to protect homes and family.

I served in nations whose people never realized the need for a well-trained organized police force. I, and many veterans who have seen the hell of places without good, honest policing, are grateful for the police here, and the everyday risks they take for all of us.

## Letters to the Editor Policy

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# Public Notices

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., the Packer Township Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing in the Township Building, 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly, Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the public meeting is to discuss, inform and receive public comments on proposed revised Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for Packer Township. The Township will be adopting a completely revised and amended Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for Packer Township.

Notice is further given that the Packer Township Board of Supervisors, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, will conduct a special meeting for the sole purpose of acting upon the revised Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance on August 10, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building, 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly, Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss, inform and receive public comments on proposed Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for Packer Township. The Township will be adopting an amended and revised Subdivision and Land Ordinance for Packer Township.

The proposed revised Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance includes the following:

### **ARTICLE 1- GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 100: Title  
Section 101: Authority  
Section 102: Policy of Objectives  
Section 103: Application of Ordinance  
Section 104: Availability of Ordinance  
Section 105: Township Planning Commission  
Section 106: Duties of the Planning Commission  
Section 107: Status of Pending Subdivision and Land Develop-

ment Applications  
Section 108: Status of Approved Subdivision or Land Development Applications  
Section 109: Phased Development Exceeding Five Years  
Section 110: Resubdivision of Land  
Section 111: Interpretation  
Section 112: Modification of Required Standards  
Section 113: Fees  
Section 114: Penalties  
Section 115: Amendment Procedure  
Section 116: Conflict with other Ordinances  
Section 117: Severability  
Section 118: Effective Date

### **ARTICLE 2-DEFINITIONS**

Section 200: General Interpretation

### **ARTICLE 3- PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

Section 301: Sketch and Review Process  
Section 302: Sketch Plan Review  
Section 303: Submission of Plans and Applications  
Section 304: Distribution of Plans  
Section 305: Carbon County Review  
Section 306: Plan Review Process  
Section 307: Subsequent Submittals  
Section 308: Public Hearing  
Section 309: Time Extensions  
Section 310: Installation or Guarantee of Required Improvements  
Section 311: Procedural Methods in Rendering Decisions  
Section 312: Withdrawal and/or revisions to submitted plans  
Section 313: Phasing Major Subdivision Plans  
Section 314: Recording Final Plan

### **ARTICLE 4-PRELIMINARY PLAN**

Section 401: Initial Review  
Section 402: Review by Carbon County Planning Commission  
Section 403: Review and Approval/Disapproval of Plan  
Section 404: Preliminary Plan-Drafting Standards

Section 405: Preliminary Plan-Existing Conditions  
Section 406: Preliminary Plan-Proposed Development  
Section 407: Additional Materials submitted with Preliminary Plan  
**ARTICLE 5-FINAL PLAN**  
Section 501: Submission and Review Procedure  
Section 502: Review and Approval/Disapproval of Plan  
Section 503: Final Plan-Drafting Standards  
Section 504: Final Plan Requirements

Section 505: Additional Material Submitted with Final Plan  
Section 506: Recording of Plan

### **ARTICLE 6-MINOR SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Section 601: Only Final Plan Required  
Section 602: Submission Procedure  
Section 603: Distribution of Plan  
Section 604: Drafting Standards for Minor Plan  
Section 605: Requirements for Minor Plans  
Section 606: Information to be Submitted with Plan  
Section 607: Recording of Final Plan

### **ARTICLE 7-ASSURANCES FOR COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS**

Section 701: Installation or Guarantee of Improvements  
Section 702: Types of Financial Guarantee  
Section 703: Review by Township  
Section 704: Amount of Financial Security  
Section 705: Required Time Period for Completion  
Section 706: Phasing of Development  
Section 707: Start of Work Notice  
Section 708: Periodic Inspections During Construction  
Section 709: Release of Portions of Financial Security  
Section 710: Financial Security for Maintenance of Improvements  
Section 711: Financial Security for Improvements under Jurisdic-

tion of a Public Utility or Municipal Authority  
Section 712: Issuance of Permits when Financial Security has been Posted.

Section 713: Completion of Required Improvements  
Section 714: Responsibility of Applicant upon Disapproval of Improvements

Section 715: Applicants Right to Contest Action  
Section 716: Remedies to Effect Completion of Improvements  
Section 717: Engineering and Consulting Fees  
Section 718: Procedure for Disputes over Consulting Fees

### **ARTICLE 8-DESIGN STANDARDS**

Section 800: Application  
Section 801: General Standards  
Section 802: Site Suitability for Development  
Section 803: Monuments and Markers  
Section 804: Residential Blocks  
Section 805: Lots and Parcels  
Section 806: Streets-General Requirements  
Section 807: Access Drives  
Section 808: Street Names  
Section 809: Street Signs  
Section 810: Street Lighting  
Section 811: Traffic Control Signs  
Section 812: Construction of Roads and Dead-End Roads  
Section 813: Dead-End Roads(Permanent)  
Section 814: Access to Arterial Streets  
Section 815: Street Intersections  
Section 816: Street Design, Construction and Paving Standards  
Section 817: Horizontal Visibility  
Section 818: Cul-de-Sac  
Section 819: Curbs  
Section 820: Sidewalks  
Section 821: Bridges and Stream Crossings  
Section 822: Driveway Entrances  
Section 823: Erosion and Sedimentation Control  
Section 824: Water Supply Facilities  
Section 825: Centralized Water

System  
Section 826: On-Lot Water System  
Section 827: Sewage Disposal Facilities  
Section 828: Centralized Sewers  
Section 829: On-Lot Sewage Disposal System  
Section 830: Storm Water Management  
Section 831: Information on Storm Water Management Plan  
Section 832: Design Features for Drainage Facilities  
Section 833: Drainage Easements  
Section 834: Stormwater detention  
Section 835: Design of Storm Drainage System  
Section 836: Groundwater Recharge  
Section 837: Nonresidential Subdivision and Land Development  
Section 838: Landscaping

### **ARTICLE 9-- MOBILE HOME PARKS**

Section 901: General Requirements  
Section 902: Site Location and Design Standards

### **APPENDIX APPENDIX 1- TOWNSHIP STREET LISTING APPENDIX 2- APPLICATION FORMS AND FEE SCHEDULES**

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection without charge or a copy obtained for a charge not greater than the costs thereof at the Township Office located at 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly, Pennsylvania, the Carbon County Law Library, Carbon County Courthouse, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania and The Journal Herald, 211 Main Street, White Haven, Pennsylvania.

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# Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

It was really too darned hot the past weekend. While in Wilkes-Barre on Sunday, we recorded 96° in the area near the Mall. We were there to visit Slater. While there, a wave of thunderstorms passed through, only making things damp and hot—in the high 80s afterwards. It took a second wave of storms hours late to make things comfortable by bringing temperatures down into the 70s.

As a mini-escape from White Haven and sometimes the heat on some days, we've

been driving over the Francis Walter Dam, first to check on the road reconstruction in Kidder (not much happening), and second just to enjoy the view as weather comes or goes. We went across the dam on July 5 and discovered that someone had put off a private fireworks display from the top of the dam the night before. It's actually is a pretty nifty idea, if done with some supervision, care and planning. It could be a good fire company fundraiser with the cooper-

ation of the Army Corps of Engineers. (The evidence was the debris from mortar cakes and other bought fireworks.)

Saturday was the cooler of two very hot weekend days. The Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow was being held in Drums, and we decided to go Saturday before it became unbearably hot. Our timing put us when the early dancing was taking place, and it was wonderful. People did spread out, and kept respectful distance. There were some native crafts; we bought some things, and I did the tomahawk throw, making one decent show of every three I tried.

Afterwards we drove to Wapwallopen to buy some

of Heller Orchard's beautiful Susquehanna river side cherries.

Sunday, on our way to spending our afternoon with Slater, we made another orchard trip, this one to the Candy Apple Orchard in Dorrance, just off Interstate 81. Sadly, they had little to sell since early this spring, a frost took their cherries and early apples. We'll be back in a few weeks as their main apple crops will be ready then.

Slater was home again after a week's hospital stay. For a change in routine, we took him for a ride through Wilkes-Barre and did some shopping for him, then had a picnic dinner.

Sightings this week include a flock of wild turkeys north of Weatherly. I wonder if this wild flock might come across the caged turkeys on a property just north of Weatherly—and what reaction that might get. We're also sighting a rather handsome young buck between White Haven and Weatherly who is developing an impressive rack.

We also had an unusual visitor inside our home, a toad that managed to sneak in when our back door was opened. Ruth discovered "him" on the stairs to the basement. I was tasked with the toad rescue. 'He' was gently nudged into a little box, then taken to the top of the stairs where the box was handed off to Ruth, who slid him out. He then hopped away into a shady place we hope.

On Monday, we sighted veterans out painting the tank monument outside the White Haven VFW on a hot day.

Also, the new siding on the Masonic Lodge looks great—good job. They'll be buttoned up snug and warm this winter.

Our hopes for attending the Celtic Fling in Lancaster County went by the wayside with the latest declaration of restrictions from the State government. The event was cancelled on Monday. Music events at the Mauch Chunk Opera House have been postponed into August. Any big shows at Penns Peak are cancelled for now—with local bands still performing outside on the deck and the audience social distanced—see their website.

We'll be finding some fun where we can this weekend, maybe a socially distanced winery trip.



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## Coming Events

**AUGUST 7, Friday**—Faith Church Movie Night, 8:30 p.m., Eurana Park Amphitheater, Weatherly

**AUGUST 14–16, Friday–Sunday**—White Haven Fire Co. #1 Catfish Derby, Linesville Park

**AUGUST 17, Monday**—Wild Water Adventure Day, sponsored by Faith Church, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Weatherly Area Middle School

**AUGUST 22, Saturday**—Kid's Clothing Swap, 12-3 p.m., Eurana Park, Weatherly

**AUGUST 23, Sunday**—Faith Fest music night, 6 p.m., Eurana Park Amphitheater, Weatherly

**SEPTEMBER 20, Sunday**—LOWLPA Clay & Block Shoot, 1 p.m., Dennison Twp

**NOVEMBER 29, Sunday**—Christmas/Advent Songfest, 2:30 p.m., virtual event

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## No Weatherly Festival this year due to COVID

Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, it may come as no surprise that the Weatherly Festival Committee has determined for the health and safety of our volunteers, vendors and festival goers, it is in the best interest of all involved to cancel the 2020 festival.

We appreciate your continued support and we look forward to seeing you next year! Stay safe and healthy.

If you have any questions regarding the cancellation of the festival feel free to contact us at [wfc1863@gmail.com](mailto:wfc1863@gmail.com).

Thank you!

**Weatherly Festival Committee**

## Books donated to WACL

Books were donated to the Weatherly Area Community Library by Linda Smith in memory of Deborah Tulay.

*Who is Michael Jordan?*, by Kirsten Anderson

*I Survived the Attack of*

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# Faith Church, Weatherly Happenings for August

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Wild Water Adventure Day — Monday, August 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Kids fun Wild Water Adventure Day at the Weatherly Area Middle school. Fire Truck spray down, snow cones, water games, free hot dogs, free beverages, and a big inflatable slide.

ages, and a big inflatable slide.

Music Festival- Sunday, August 23 at 6 p.m. Faith Church, Weatherly will be holding its 2nd annual Faith Fest music night at Eurana park amphitheater. This year we will scale back our music festival due to COVID-19 precautions. We encourage social distancing by bringing your own lawn chair. Masks are encouraged and hand sanitizer will be available.



**SOLDIERS FROM FORT INDIANTOWN GAP** were in White Haven during the early part of this week, refurbishing the tank and helicopter monuments at VFW Post 6615 on Lehigh Gorge Drive.

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# Public Notices

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., the Packer Township Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing in the Township Building, 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly, Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss, inform and receive public comments on proposed Zoning Ordinance for Packer Township. The Township will be adopting an amended and revised Zoning Ordinance for Packer Township.

Notice is further given that the Packer Township Board of Supervisors, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, will conduct a special meeting for the sole purpose of acting upon the revised Zoning Ordinance on August 10, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building, 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly, Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss, inform and receive public comments on proposed Zoning Ordinance for Packer Township. The Township will be adopting an amended and revised Zoning Ordinance for Packer Township.

The proposed revised Zoning Ordinance includes the following:

### ARTICLE 1--GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 101: Title  
Section 102: Purpose  
Section 103: Community Development Objectives  
Section 104: Interpretation  
Section 105: Compliance with Ordinance Required  
Section 106: Severability  
Section 107: Repealer  
Section 108: Effective Date

### ARTICLE 2--DEFINITIONS

Section 201: Application and Interpretation  
Section 202: Definitions

### ARTICLE 3--GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section 301: Attached Accessory Structures  
Section 302: Unattached accessory structures

Section 303: Corner Lot Restriction

Section 304: Types of Residential Accessory Structures

Section 305: Noncommercial Satellite Dish Antenna

Section 306: Private Noncommercial Swimming Pools

Section 307: Lots Divided by Zoning Boundaries

Section 308: Projections into Required Yards

Section 309: Exception to Height Limitations

Section 310: Required Access

Section 311: Land Development Approval for Certain Uses

Section 312: Visibility at Intersections and Private Driveways

Section 313: Fences and Walls

Section 314: Public Utilities

Section 315: Sewage Disposal

Section 316: Highway Occupancy Permit

Section 317: Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control

Section 318: Placement of Mobile Homes

Section 319: Conflicting Regulations

Section 320: Flag Lots

### ARTICLE 4: ZONING MAP AND ZONING DISTRICTS

Section 401: Official Zoning Map

Section 402: Changes to Official Zoning Map

Section 403: Interpretation of Boundaries

Section 404: Classes of Zoning Districts

### ARTICLE 5: ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Section 501: A-1 Agricultural District

Section 502: R-1 Single Family Residential District

Section 503: B-1 Business District

Section 504: C-1 Conservation District

Section 505: I-1 Light Industrial District

### ARTICLE 6: SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

Section 601: Purpose

Section 602: General Provisions

Section 603: Site Plan

Section 604: Impact Analysis

Section 605: General Standards and Criteria

### ARTICLE 7: CONDITIONAL USES

Section 701: Purpose

Section 702: General Provisions

Section 703: Procedure for Submission and Decision

Section 704: General Standards

Section 705: Classified Conditional Uses

Section 706 Environmental Impact Statement

Section 707 Other Government Approvals

Section 708 Impact of Proposed Use/Development

Section 709 Adverse Impacts/Mitigation Measures

Section 710 Adult Uses

Section 711 Mobile Home Parks

Section 712: Junkyards and Automobile Wrecking Yards

Section 713: Sewage Treatment Facilities

Section 714: Methadone Treatment Facility

Section 715: Wireless Commercial Communication Site

Section 716: Excavation and Extraction of Minerals

Section 717: Solid Waste Facility

Section 718: Medical Marijuana Dispensary

Section 719: Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor

Section 720: Short Term Residential Rental Units

Section 721: Shopping Centers

### ARTICLE 8: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Section 801: Purpose and Intent

Section 802: Use Regulations

Section 802.01: Access Drives

Section 802.02: Accessory Dwelling Units

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Section 802.03: Adult Uses

Section 802.04: Agricultural Uses

Section 802.05: Agritainment

Section 802.06: Animal Hospitals

Section 802.07: Animal Kennels

Section 802.08: Automobile Related Activities

Section 802.09: Bed and Breakfast

Section 802.10: Boarding House

Section 802.11: Bulk Fuel Storage

Section 802.12: Cemeteries

Section 802.13: Contractors' Storage Yards

Section 802.14: Convenience Store with or without Gasoline Pumps

Section 802.15: Day Care Facilities

Section 802.16: Eating and Drinking Establishments

Section 802.17: Entertainment Facilities

Section 802.18: Group Residence

Section 802.19: Home Occupations

Section 802.20: Industrial Activities

Section 802.21: Medical Marijuana Facility Section

802.22: Medical Marijuana Dispensary

Section 802.23: Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor

Section 802.24: Medical Marijuana Transport Vehicle Office

Section 802.25: Motels and Hotels

Section 802.26: No-Impact Home Based Business

Section 802.27: NonProfit Social Halls, Clubs, and Lodges

Section 802.28: Stand Alone Wind Mills and Wind Farms

Section 802.29: Nursing Home

Section 802.30: Office Park

Section 802.31: Outdoor Storage

Section 802.32: Outdoors Recreational Facilities

Section 802.33: Place of Worship

Section 802.34: Public Uses

Section 802.35: Public Utility Buildings and Structures

Section 802.36: Short Term Residential Rental Units

Section 802.37: Townhouses and Multifamily Residential Developments

Section 802.38: Trucking Facilities

Section 802.40: Warehouse and Distribution Facilities

Section 802.41: Warehouse(Self Storage)

Section 802.41: Water Extraction

Section 802.42: Yard Sales

Section 803: Separation Requirements and Future Development

### ARTICLE 9: NONCONFORMING LOTS, USES, STRUCTURES, AND BUILDINGS

Section 901: Intent

Section 902: Nonconforming Lots of Record

Section 903: Continuation of Nonconformity

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Section 904: Registration of Non-conforming Uses and Structures  
Section 905: Changes of Nonconforming Uses  
Section 906: Enlargement of Non-conforming Uses and Structures  
Section 907: Restoration of Use  
Section 908: Termination of Non-conforming Use and/or Structure  
Section 909: Certificate of Intention for a Nonconforming Use

## ARTICLE 10:

### SIGN REGULATIONS

Section 1001: Signs  
Section 1002: Construction Types  
Section 1003: Permitted Signs by Zoning District  
Section 1004: Area, Height, and Setback Requirements  
Section 1005: Number of Signs  
Section 1006: Setback for Free-standing Signs  
Section 1007: Signs related to Nonconforming Uses  
Section 1008: Area Computation of signs  
Section 1009: Vertical Clearance  
Section 1010: Prohibited Signs  
Section 1011: Permits Required

Section 1012: General Regulations for Signs

## ARTICLE 11: OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

Section 1101: Purpose  
Section 1102: Size of Off-Street Parking Spaces  
Section 1103: Size of Off-Street Loading Spaces  
Section 1104: Access to Off-Street Parking or Loading Areas  
Section 1105: Location of Off-Street Parking Areas  
Section 1106: Drainage and Surfacing of Off-Street Parking Areas  
Section 1107: Interior Circulation  
Section 1108: Screening  
Section 1109: Lighting  
Section 1110: Parking in Yard Areas  
Section 1111: Existing Structures and Uses  
Section 1112: Changes of Structures or Uses  
Section 1113: Fractional Space  
Section 1114: Multiple Activities or Uses  
Section 1115: Off-Street Parking Requirements  
Section 1116: Parking for other Commercial Uses  
Section 1117: Off-Street Loading Requirements  
Section 1118: Provision of Handicapped Parking Spaces

Section 1119: Design Features for Handicapped Parking Spaces  
Section 1120: Signage for Handicapped Parking Spaces  
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Section 1203: Abrogation and Greater Restrictions  
Section 1204: Severability  
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Section 1206: Overlay of Flood Plain Districts  
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Section 1210: Alteration to Water Courses  
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Section 1213: Structural Anchoring and Flood Proofing Requirements  
Section 1214: Issuance of Building Permit  
Section 1215: Flood Proofing  
Section 1216: Utilities  
Section 1217: Certification of Flood Proofing  
Section 1218: Fully Enclosed Areas Below the Lowest Floor  
Section 1219: Prohibited Uses  
Section 1220: Regulations for Hazardous Materials  
Section 1221: Improvements  
Section 1222: Variances  
Section 1223: Modification of

Freeboard Requirement Administrative Procedures

## ARTICLE 13: ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Section 1301: Zoning Officer  
Section 1302: Zoning Permit  
Section 1303: Certificate of Zoning Compliance  
Section 1304: Enforcement Procedures  
Section 1305: Schedule of Fees, Charges and Expenses

## ARTICLE 14: AMENDMENTS

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Section 1505: Expenditures for Services  
Section 1506: Hearings  
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Section 1513: Stay of Proceedings

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Section 1613: Status of Plan After Tentative Approval  
Section 1614: Application for Final Approval  
Section 1615: Jurisdiction and Legal Remedies

## ARTICLE 17— APPEALS

Section 1701: Appeals to Court  
Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection without charge or a copy obtained for a charge not greater than the costs thereof at the Township Office located at 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly, Pennsylvania, the Carbon County Law Library, Carbon County Courthouse, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania and The Journal Herald, 211 Main Street, White Haven, Pennsylvania.

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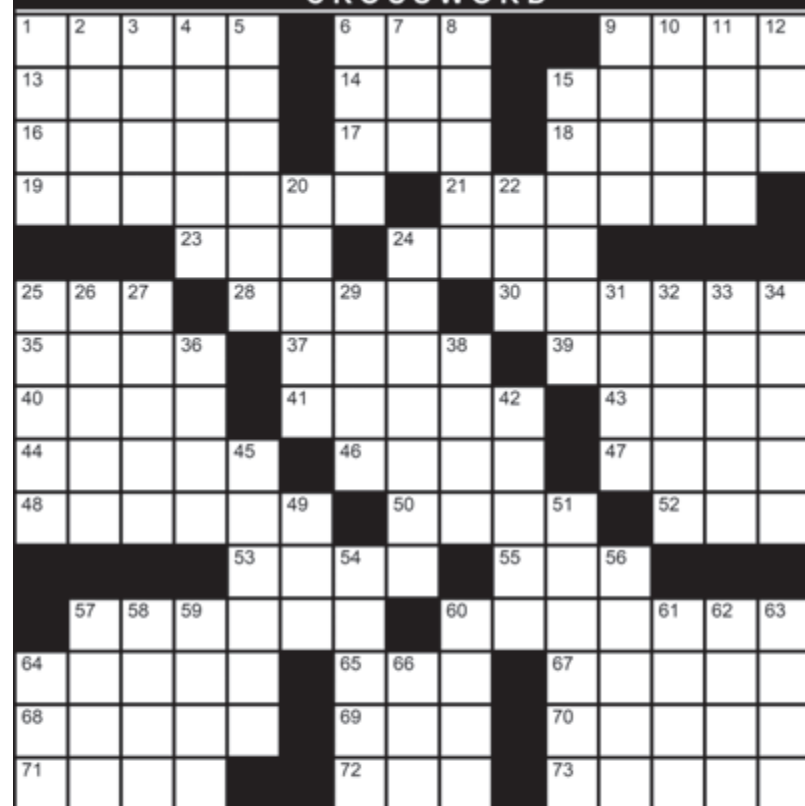
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10. Fungal spore sacs
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49. Kind of caviar
51. Pined
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# Journal Sports

## Major League Baseball ready for strange opening

by Steve Stallone  
Sports Editor

Six months ago, most Americans probably didn't know who Dr. Anthony Fauci was. This week, he will throw out the first pitch when professional baseball returns after a fourth-month delay triggered by the coronavirus pandemic.

The director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has been the nation's leading voice in the battle against COVID-19 and has weighed in regularly on the return of sports amid the pandemic. He's also a huge Washington Nationals fan. On Thursday in our nation's capital, Dr. Fauci will signal the start of Major League Baseball, throwing out the ceremonial first pitch for the World Series champion Nationals. They will host the New York Yankees as teams begin an abbreviated 60-game sprint to the playoffs.

Fauci has delivered multiple warnings about hastily restarting sports as the pandemic still ravages the U.S. He's also warned against playing games into October, with the potential of cold weather adding to the effects of the coronavirus.

## On the Sly

He has been the face of the fight against the coronavirus, even more than the president.

While presidents have regularly been invited to throw out the first pitch on MLB's opening day, the Nationals bypassed Donald Trump. They invited him to throw out the opening day pitch in 2017, which he declined, citing scheduling conflicts. He was booed at Nationals Park when he made an appearance during Game 5 of the World Series last fall.

### Strange game

For the past week, baseball exhibition games have been constant reminders that the 2020 season - albeit a shortened one - is finally here.

The broadcasts and video clips I've seen are also a reminder of how different the game will look when it begins in earnest this weekend. First off, there will be no fans in the stands, unless you're counting the cardboard cut-outs purchased by fans and placed in their seats. In addition, only

those players actually in the game can remain in the dug-out. Other players are social distancing in the first few rows of bleachers.

Pitchers will use their own set of baseballs, and can't go to their mouths for moisture. They'll bring their own wet towel to the mound for that.

Oh yeah, there's no spitting, hugs or high-fives.

Not exactly baseball as we knew it.

If all that wasn't strange enough, the Toronto Blue Jays may be playing their home games in Pittsburgh?

As of this writing, the Blue Jays were looking for a stadium to call home. This after Canada's government barred them from playing home games at Toronto's Rogers Center amid the coronavirus pandemic due to frequent travel to and from the U.S.

Blue Jays' officials have been inquiring about the use of several big league ballparks, with PNC Park in Pittsburgh the most talked about. The Jays were also considering

a move to Buffalo's Sahlen Field, the team's Triple-A affiliate located just across the Niagara River from Canada, but that's a minor league park with minor league facilities.

Whatever is decided, it will have to be arranged quickly. The Blue Jays begin their season at Tampa Bay on Friday, and their first "home" game is slated for the following Wednesday, July 29, against the Nationals.

As strange as baseball's return will look, fans can finally hear the words "Play Ball" again starting this week.

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# PIAA: Fall sports season is on — for now

by **Steve Stallone**  
Sports Editor

The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association wrestled with two main topics at last week's meeting. First and foremost, the scholastic fall sports season is on - for now. Last Wednesday, the PIAA's Board of Directors announced it was moving forward with plans to start the fall sports season following state guidelines, and will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We believe most of our schools are doing an outstanding job with their health and safety programs and they are monitoring their student athletes," PIAA Executive Director Dr. Robert Lombardi said. "We held on July 15 that we still have enough time to make an analysis as we go forward."

Teams have already been attending offseason workouts in recent days as they begin preparations for what is hoped to be some sort of season in the fall. In doing so, they've been following strict guidelines set forth by Governor Tom Wolf, outlined by the

Pa. Dept. of Health, and set forth and monitored by their respective schools.

As with professional and college players, high school athletes are to be screened ahead of each workout, and those who have a temperature of 100.4 or higher are sent home and asked to contact their doctor. Coaches are required to wear masks the entire time they're with student-athletes. Students may remove masks if they are actively participating in a current drill. If they're not, they must wear a mask and keep 6 feet from participants.

Lombardi said any adjustments to the fall sports season, which might include a shortening of schedules that could impact the number of playoff qualifiers, will be based on situations that may arise in the future.

One day after the PIAA's announcement to stay on schedule, officials from the Wyoming Valley Conference and Lackawanna League met via video conference to discuss what plans will be in place closer to home. The District 2 athletic committee meeting centered

primarily on who can attend sporting events this fall. And how many people can attend.

According to state guidelines, outdoor gatherings are limited to 250 people.

"To the best of our knowledge and getting interpretations from the state people, when you say 250 allowed into a stadium, that 250 includes participants," said District 2 Chairman and PIAA Board President Frank Majikes. "So, there is a misunderstanding in the public eye that they believe 250 means 250 spectators. The participants are included in that number. So, there will be more information regarding the numbers depending on what phase we are in." Majikes stressed that the decision-making at the PIAA level will be consistent with the changing health risks and concerns, and will follow

the directives of Gov. Wolf and the state's DOH.

"We will proceed and review, eliminate and modify as we have to, depending upon what occurs between the governor, the Department of Health, the Department of Education," Majikes said. "But it is a consensus that we should provide every opportunity possible for our student-athletes to participate in conjunction with the directives and the guidance we receive from the state."

The PIAA's next meeting is July 29, where discussions and adjustments could be made if needed.

## Mat Reduction

Also at last week's PIAA meeting, a third and final reading was approved to reduce the number of wrestling weight classes from 14 to 13, beginning with the 2020-21 season. The weight classes

from 106-160 pounds will remain the same, as will the heavyweight limit of 285. But what was formerly the 170-, 182-, 195- and 220-pound divisions will be consolidated into 172, 189 and 215.

The action came as a response to dwindling rosters in recent years that have produced an increase in forfeits and have tipped the scales against smaller wrestling teams.

The National Federation of State High School Associations remained with 14 classes for the upcoming season. That led the PIAA wrestling steering committee to approve a recommendation of its own rules modification. An initial idea called for a drop to 12 weight classes and proposed a raise in the minimum weight from 106 to 110 pounds, but that did not gain enough support.

## America take note: one of your own is a European football star

by **Enda Tynan Daly**

Let's face it. European athletes often make it big in U.S. college and pro sports. It happens so frequently these days — and in sports from golf to soccer to basketball — that hardly anybody bats an eye. But when an American makes it big in major pro sports here, that's a different story.

And that's happening right now. Christian Pulisic is his name, and he hails from Hershey, PA. His game is association football. That's soccer, as it's known in your parts.

Pulisic has lit up the Bundesliga (German pro league)

and, now, the Premier League (in England). He's close to becoming to us what LeBron James is to you.

At only 21 years old, Pulisic has established himself as a top pro player. After joining Borussia Dortmund in 2015, it didn't take long for him to make an impression. He made his first-team debut at age 17 and went on to make 90 appearances and score 13 goals for the German giants. That performance prompted the Chelsea Football Club of the Premier League to acquire his talents for a huge £58 million transfer fee in January 2019.

After initially being loaned

back to Dortmund for the remainder last season, Pulisic is now well into his first season in the Premier League. Despite missing games because of injury, Pulisic is now making a huge impression — having scored ten goals and six assists in 33 games to date.

Take note, America. One of your own is making a name for himself over here. In recognition of that rare feat, I'd like to see Pulisic's name on the back of football jerseys across the US.

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JH: Ruth Isenberg

## MYSA to hold free Referee Clinic

Each year, Mountain Top Youth Soccer Association offers a free referee clinic for anyone interested in working as a referee for youth soccer games in Mountaintop. This year's clinic is being held on August 5 at 8 p.m. at the SoccerPlex. Please arrive at 7:45 p.m.

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# Van Horn Memorial Tournament cancelled

Due to the continued uncertainty surrounding the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the 32nd annual Brian Van Horn Memorial Golf Tournament and Outing, scheduled for August 16 has been cancelled. Tournament officials regretfully decided that it is in the best interest and safety of the golfers and volunteers to cancel this year's event after 31 consecutive years.

While this year's tournament won't be held, the Brian Van Horn Memorial Scholarships will still be award-

ed to all the deserving recipients. The tournament will resume next year. For more information contact Patrick Monaghan at 570-427-4751 or Rich Stefanick at 570-427-4770.



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